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CHAPTER 166

HOUSE BILL 2601

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-511; RELATING TO CARE OF FOSTER CHILDREN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding section 8-511, to read:

4 8-511. Short-term caregiver

5 A. EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B, IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE A
6 FOSTER PARENT TO LEAVE A FOSTER CHILD IN THE CARE OF ANOTHER PERSON, THE
7 FOSTER PARENT SHALL:

8 1. USE REASONABLE JUDGMENT IN THE FOSTER PARENT'S CHOICE OF AN ADULT
9 TO PROVIDE THE CARE.

10 2. NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT CASE MANAGER BEFORE THE CARE EXCEEDS
11 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, IN A NONEMERGENCY SITUATION.

12 3. NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT CASE MANAGER BEFORE THE CARE EXCEEDS
13 SEVENTY-TWO HOURS, IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

14 B. A FOSTER PARENT WHO IS CERTIFIED TO PROVIDE CARE TO A CHILD WITH
15 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, A MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILD OR A CHILD RECEIVING
16 TREATMENT FOSTER CARE, SHALL IMPLEMENT THE ALTERNATE CARE PLAN THAT IS
17 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IF THE FOSTER PARENT MUST LEAVE THE FOSTER CHILD
18 IN THE CARE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 7, 2008.

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